GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, Piduguralla, Guntur District – Surprise Check conducted on 06.12.2019 - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, Piduguralla, Guntur District – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.815 Dated:29-09-2022
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.659, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:29-09-2022.

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ORDER:

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, Piduguralla, Guntur District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is directed to submit his written statement of his defence, within seven days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHALLA VENKATA KOTESWARA RAO, OFFICE SUBORDINATE, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

That Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao S/o Venkateswarlu, Office Subordinate, O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District (hereinafter referred to as the Government Servant in short G.S.), while working as thus from 06-07-2019 to the date of surprise check i.e. on 6-12-2019, he has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

Charge 1:

That the Govt. Servant Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, SRO Office piduguralla, was found in possession of excess amount of Rs. 6910/- as against Rs. 75/- declared in personal cash register for which he failed to account for satisfactorily. The excess amount is suspected to be the illegal amount collected from the Document writers/parties coming to the SRO for registration purpose.

Charge 2:

That the Govt. Servant Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, SRO Office piduguralla has a share in the bribe amounts collected by the document writers who were found in the Sub Registrar Office on 06-12-2019 from the parties who come for registration of their properties to the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and who were found in possession of Rs. 47,800/- when the surprise check was conducted on Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla on 06.12.2019 for which they could not satisfactorily account for.

Thus the Government Servant Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, SRO Office Piduguralla, Guntur District by his above-mentioned acts, failed to maintain absolute integrity and devotion to duty and has shown conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHALLA VENKATA KOTESWARA RAO, OFFICE SUBORDINATE, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao S/o Venkaeswarlu is native of Karampudi Village & Mandal, Guntur District. His date of birth is 10-06-1989. He joined Government Service on 26-08-2016 as Office Subordinate and working as such in the office of SRO, Piduguralla from 06-07-2019 to till the date of Surprise Check i.e., on 6-12-2019 . He is drawing a basic pay of Rs. 13,390/- in the time scale pay of Rs. 13,300/- to Rs. 40,270/-. His date of attaining the age of superannuation is 30-06-2049. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant (G.S)

Charge 1:

That the Govt. Servant Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Sub-ordinate, SRO Office piduguralla, was found in possession of excess amount of Rs. 6910/- as against Rs. 75/- declared in personal cash register for which he failed to account for satisfactorily. The excess amount is suspected to be the illegal amount collected from the Document writers/parties coming to the SRO for registration purpose.

Facts and Evidence:

On credible information that the I/c Sub Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District and his staff have been collecting mamools from the public who approach registration of various properties, obtaining ECs etc., through some private persons engaged by them, document writers and also their assistants, a surprise check was conducted to the above said office by the Addl.SP, ACB, Guntur District on 06-12-2019 from 16.45 hours to 23.30 hours in the presence of mediators. The mediators drafted the mediators report incorporating all the occurrences during the surprise check.

During the course of surprise check, on the instructions of the Addl. SP, the following staff of Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla have produced the amounts possessed by them and they were compared with the amount with declared amount by them Personal Cash Register. The details are as follows;

S.No	Name and designation of the official	Amount mentioned in Personal Cash Register.	Amount physically found in Rs	Excess amount found
01	Sri Jaldi Emmanuel Sudheer, I/c SRO, Piduguralla	200-00	200-00	---
02	Sri A. Narayana, Jr. Asst.	100-00	2100-00	2000-00
03	Sri Ch.V. Koteswara Rao, Attender	75-00	6985-00	6910-00
	Total	**375-00**	**9,285-00**	
				(Excess Rs.8910-00

When the Junior Assistant Sri A. Narayana was questioned about the excess amount of Rs.2,000/- possessed by him, he could not give any valid explanation and kept calm. When Sri Ch. V. Koteswara Rao was questioned about his collection of amounts from the document writers/their assistants standing in front of Dias of Sub-Registrar and his possession of excess amount of Rs.6910/- he also could not give any valid explanation and kept quiet.

When the Sub-Registrar was questioned about his allowing the collection of illegal amounts by the attender from the parties in his presence, he could not give

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any explanation. Then Addl. SP got copies of the relevant pages of personal cash registrar and seized the Photostat copies of relevant pages of personal cash registrar consisting of two sheets duly attested by the mediators and the Addl. SP for the purpose of further enquiry.

As the Jr. Asst and Attender of the Sub-Registrar office could not give proper account of the excess amount found with them, the above total excess amount of Rs.8,910/-(Rs.2000 X 1; Rs.500 X 11; Rs.200 X 1; Rs.100 X 11; Rs.50 X 2 and Rs.10 X 1) was seized from their possession for the purpose of the enquiry presuming that it is the bribe amount collected from the parties/claimants who visited the staff of Registrar Office, Stamps & Registration Department, Piduguralla. The amounts declared by the staff in the Personal Cash Register was returned to the individuals.

The following oral and documentary evidence is available to substantiate the allegation.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

1) Sri Md. Mahaboob Khan S/o Sri Masthan Khan, Aged 52 Years, Sub Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Guntur R/o D. No. 93-28-864, Ward No. 26, "0"Lane, A.T. Agraharam, Guntur, (Mediator No.1).

2) Kum. Madaka Vijaya Lakshmi D/o M. China Ranga Rao, Aged 34 Years, Senior Assistant, District Treasury Office, Guntur R/o D. No. 8-12-14/2, 9th Lane, Nehru Nagar, Guntur, (Mediator No.2).

Witness Nos. 1 and 2 are the mediators to the surprise check conducted on 06.12.2019 on the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District and drafted the mediators report dt. 06.12.2019.

3) Sri Komma Rama Mohana Rao S/o Sri Sriramulu, Aged 58 Years, Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Narasaraopet, Guntur District.

On examination, he stated that with regard to the irregularities noticed against the Sub Registrar and other staff of Sub Registrar office, Piduguralla with regard to the allowing of document writers for the purpose of registration related works alongwith parties into the office is violation of the orders of the Department/Government. The possession of access amount than the declared amount by the staff of Sub Registrar, Piduguralla in Personal Cash Declaration Register is also a violation. Engaging private persons as data entry operators and to meddle with the Government computers and data is also a violation as per the standing orders of the Inspector General, Registration and stamps Department and etc., facts

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE :

1) Mediators Report Dated 06-12-2019 From 16.45 Hours To 23.30 Hours drafted by the mediators at office of the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District.

It contains the proceedings dt. 06.12.2019 conducted during the surprise check on Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, irregularities noticed against the officials, Amounts and documents seized and etc. facts.

2) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 dated 30.12.1997 of Commissioner & IG of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad.

In all cases of Surprise check where unaccounted cash is found with the employee, in the premises of the office and with the unauthorized persons in the office the normal presumption shall be that it is the illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties and the onus of disproving the same will be charged officer employees in the premises of the office and with the unauthorized person in the office.

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3) Copy of GO.Ms.No.200 GA (Ser-C) Department, Dated 26-3-2007 of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

It was ordered through the above G.O. that a Government Servant on duty not to keep cash in his possession beyond Re. 500/- while on duty in the office.

4) Copy of Attested Vol.No.87, Personal Cash Register: On perusal of the personal cash Register on 6-12-2019 the sub Registrar and his staff noted in personal cash register that the I/c SRO Sri Jaldi Emmanuel Sudheer noted an amount of Rs. 200-00, Sri A.Narayana, Jr. Asst, noted an amount of Rs. 100-00 and Sri Ch.V. Koteswara Rao, Attender, noted an amount of Rs. 75-00 and etc facts.

In view of the above oral and documentary evidence, the charge against the Govt. Servant that he was found in possession of excess amount of Rs. 6910/- as against Rs. 75/- declared in personal cash register for which he failed to account for satisfactorily, is substantiated.

Charge 2:

That the Govt. Servant Sri Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, office sub-ordinate, SRO Office piduguralla has a share in the bribe amounts collected by the document writers who were found in the Sub Registrar Office on 06-12-2019 from the parties who come for registration of their properties to the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and who were found in possession of Rs. 47,800/- when the surprise check was conducted on Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla on 06.12.2019 for which they could not satisfactorily account for.

During the course of surprise check, the surprise check party observed that some suspected persons are moving in the vicinity with paper / documents, etc., in their hands and found collecting money from some of the parties who approached the O/o SRO for their works and keeping in their pockets. It is also observed that some of the Document writers are entering into the Registrar office and handing over the collected money to the staff of Sub-Registrar office. At about 4.40 p.m. some documents writers and their assistants around 7-10 in running went inside the Sub- Registration Office, Piduguralla one after another and paying amounts to one short and fair person who stood before the Dias of Sub-Registrar. On instruction of Addl. SP, his staff cover the grills and windows around the office with the assistance of other staff so as to prevent the document writers/agents and other office staff from throwing away the cash through windows. Then the mediators along with the Addl. SP, ACB, Guntur and his staff entered into the Sub-Register office and the Addl. SP instructed his Head Constable to stay at the main door of the office. Accordingly, he stood at the doors of the Sub-Registrar Office restricting the entry and exit of persons. By the time, around 20-25 members were present inside the Sub-Registrar Office including the staff of Sub-Registrar office, document writers, private persons and parties who came for registration. When the Addl. SP questioned the person stood in front of the dias of the Sub-Registrar about his identity, the said person revealed his identity as Sri Ch. V. Koteswara Rao, Attender of the office.

The Addl. SP disclosed his identity and of other members of surprise check party including the mediators, to the Sub-Registrar and ascertained his identity as Sri Jaldi Emmanuel Sudheer S/o Sri Ravindra Nadh, aged 38 years and that he has been working as I/c. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla since 15 days. Then the Addl. SP informed him about the purpose of surprise check and requested him to cooperate with ACB officials. On that he assured that he will extend his co-operation.

Then the Addl. SP requested the persons inside who came for registration of documents etc., to segregate themselves as general public, document writers/agents and staff of the Sub-Registrar Office. Then 6 persons came aside as General public who came for registration of their documents, 7 came aside as document writers/Assistants to document writers, 4 persons came aside as private persons engaged by SRO and 3 are staff of Sub-Registrar Office.

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Then the Addl. SP, ACB, Guntur instructed his staff to thoroughly search all document writers and agents. On that the staff of ACB searched the following document writers and agents and found that they were in possession of the amounts noted below:-

S.No.	Name and addresses of the document writers/agents present at the time of surprise check at O/o. SRO, Piduguralla on 06.12.2019.	Amount found with them in Rs.
01	Sri Gurram Ravi Raju S/o Sri Musalaiah, aged 38 years, Document writer R/o D. No. 7-656-B, Behind MRO office, Piduguralla – 9705589704 (Document Writer)	850-00
02	Sri Devarasetty Atchutha Prasanna Rao S/o Sri Satyanarayana, 50 years, Document writer, R/o Tanda bazaar, Pitchukalagunta, Piduguralla.(Document writer)	9350-00
03	Sri Syed Kareem S/o Sri Mastan vali, aged 28 years, Document writer, R/o D.No. 18-505, Patiguntala, Piduguralla town Cell No. 9059841843 (Assistant to Document writer Mutyam Nagi Reddy)	18400-00
04	Sri Anubothula Narsi Reddy S/o Sri Tirurpathi Reddy, 42 years, Document writer, Karalapadu village, Piduguralla Mandal, Cell No. 9441025164 (Assistant to Document Writer Chejarla Edukondalu)	15550-00
05	Sri Polamreddy Brahma Reddy S/o Sri Venkateswara Reddy, 34 years, Document writer, Kunkalagunta village, Nakarekallu Mandal, Cell No. 6281195073 (Assistant to Document Writer Madhava Sarma)	3650-00
06	Sri Md. Abdul Khadar S/o Sri Ahammad, 29 years, Document writer, R/o D.No. 18-543, Patiguntala, Piduguralla Town, Cell No. 9642471127 (Document Writer)	---
07	Sri Chinta Raghava Reddy S/o Sri Syda Reddy, 20 years, Asst. to Document writer (Ravindra Reddy), R/o Tummalacheruvu village, Piduguralla Mandal (Assistant to Document Writer Mudela Ravindra Reddy)	--
	Total Rs.	**47,800-00**

On examination, the above document writers/Assistants to Document writers have stated that they came to the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla along with the parties for registration of the documents noted against each, some of the documents were registered and some are yet to be registered. When they were further questioned about their presence inside of the Sub-Registrar Office violating the orders of the Govt. and possession of the amounts noted against each, they could not properly account for the amount and kept quiet with regard to the violation of the orders of the Govt. The signed statements of the above document writers were obtained for the purpose of enquiry.

Sl. No.	Name of the document writer	Party on behalf of whom the DW entered the office.	Document presented, registered or pending
1	Anubothula Narsireddy S/o Sri Tirupathi Reddy, 42 years, Karalapadu village, Assistant to Document Writer Chejarla Edukondalu.	Claimant: Kakarla Rama Krishna of Karalapadu village, Executant: Mudela Subba of Karalapadu village,	Sale Document presented and registration is completed vide Doc. No.9287/2019 dt. 6.12.2019
2	Gurram Ravi Raju S/o Sri Musalaiah, 38 years, Piduguralla	Claimant:Avula Saidamma of Nagavaram village, Executant: Avula Venkateswara Rao of Nagavaram village,	gift deed vide Doc.No.P813/2019

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3	Polam Reddy Brahma Reddy S/o Sri Venkateswara Reddy, 34 years, Kunkalagunta village, working under Document writer Madava Sarma	Claimant: Renguntla Ramesh of Piduguralla Executant: Patchipulusu Papaiah Gupta, of Piduguralla.	The sale deed and registration is not completed.
4	Devarasetty Atchutha Prasanna Rao S/o Sri Satya Narayana, 50 years, Piduguralla	Bandi Durga Bhavani w/o Srinivasa Rao , 41 years, Piduguralla	Mortgage deed registered vides Doc.No.9286/ 2019 dt. 6.12.2019
5	Chintha Raghava Reddy S/o Sri Saida Reddy, 20 years, Assistant to Document Writer Mudela Ravindra Reddy	Claimant: Panem Pitchi Reddy of Kondamodu village. Executant: Panem Adi Lakshmi of Kondamodu village,	Gift deed and document was presented but registration is not completed
		Claimant: Gunapati Venkata Reddy of , Kondamudu village . Executant: Gunapati Lakshmi of Kondamodu village,	Gift deed and documents presented but registration is not completed
6	Syed Kareem S/o Sri Mastan Vali, 28 years, Piduguralla, Assistant to Document Writer Muthyam Nagireddy S/o Sri Venkata Reddy, Thummala Cheruvu, Piduguralla.	Claimant: Ramireddy Venkata Rami Reddy of Hyderabad . Executant: Sutharu Padmavathi of Piduguralla,	sale deed. Registration Completed vide Doc. No.9267/2019 dt.6.12.2019
		Claimant: Kamireddy Venkata Reddy of Pedagarlapadu village, Executant: Sutharu Padmavathi of Piduguralla,	Sale deed. Registration Completed vide Doc. No.9268/2019 dt.6.12.2019
		Claimant; Malla Hanumantha Rao, of Janapadu village, Executant: Nalabothula Srinivasa Rao of Janapadu village,	get mortgage deed registered No. 9266/2019 dt. 6.12.2019
	Syed Kareem S/o Sri Mastan Vali, 28 years, Piduguralla, Assistant to Document Writer Muthyam Nagireddy S/o Sri Venkata Reddy, Thummala Cheruvu, Piduguralla.	Claimant: Avula Venkata Nagi Reddy of Dodleru village, Executant: Shaik Yarraram Shakeela of Anupalem village,	Claimant of the sale deed. Registration Completed Vide Doc. No. 9264/2019 dt. 6.12.2019
7	Md Abdul Khadar S/o Sri Rehamath, aged 29 years, Piduguralla	Claimant: Chimata Lakshmi of Brugubanda village, Sattenapalli Mandal Executant: Anchula Hanumayamma of Anchulavaripalem village, Rajupalem Mandal.	Settlement deed and registration was completed vide Doc.No.9280/2019 dt. 6.12.2019
		Claimant: Rajanala Sri Lakshi of Anchulavaripalem village, Rajupalem Mandal. Executant: Anchula Hanumayamma of Anchulavaripalem village,	Settlement deed and registration was completed vide Doc.No.9281/2019 dt. 6.12.2019

When the Sub-Registrar was questioned as to why he allowed the above document writers/Assistants to Document Writers violating the instructions of the Government, he was perturbed and could not give any explanation.

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As the Sub-Registrar violated the standing orders of the Government and allowed the above document writers/assistants to document writers into the office and as the above document writers or their assistants could not give proper account of the money possessed by them and suspecting same that they collected the said amounts collected by them from the parties who came for registration to pay the same to SRO and staff of Sub-Registrar office,as bribes the total amount of Rs.47,800/- (Rs.2000X9; Rs.500 X 42; Rs.200 X 12; Rs.100 X 56; Rs.50 X 11; Rs.20 X 7 and Rs.10 X 11) was seized from their possession for the purpose of the enquiry.

During the searches, the attender Sri Ch. V. Koteswara Rao voluntarily produced the articles from his pant pocket before mediators. On verification it is found that they are

1) One pocket notebook in the name of "Srinivasa Pocket Notebook" consisting of 12 sheets, written upto sheet No. 5, where in date wise accounts were noted from 09.10.2019 to 06.12.2019. On 06.12.2019 an amount of Rs. 3,800/- was noted after the brought forwarded amount of Rs. 2,290/-.

2) It is containing 7 sheets (Slips). On perusal it is found that there are details of names with document numbers with date wise particulars were noted. They were made as two files.

When the attender was questioned about the entries in the notebook and the manuscript slips, he kept quite. The above two made up files are seized for the purpose of the enquiry.

Then the Addl. SP contacted the DIG, Stamps & Registration Department, Guntur over phone and inforrned about the surprise check and requested her to come to the O/o. SRO, Piduguralla. On that she informed that she can not attend to the proceedings and would instruct the Joint Sub-Registrar, Narasaraopet to attend before the ACB officials to cooperate them in the surprise check.

On the instructions of the DIG, Registrations and stamps Department, Guntur, one Sri Komma Rama Mohana Rao S/o Sri Sriramulu, aged 58 years, Joint Sub-Registrar-I, Narasraopet attended before the surprise check party. He was apprised with the entire proceedings and on examination, he stated that the allowing of document writers for the purpose of registration related works along with parties into the office is violation of the orders of the Department/Government. The possession of excess amount than the declared amount in personal cash register by the staff of Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla is also a violation. Engaging private persons as data entry operators and to meddle with the Government computers and data is also a violation as per the standings of the Director General, Registration and Stamps, Department.

The following oral and documentary evidence is available to substantiate the allegation.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

1) Gurram Ravi Raj S/o Sri Musalaiah, Aged 38 Years, Document Writer R/o D. No. 7-656-B, Behind MRO Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District.

On examination he stated that he is working as the Document Writer in Piduguralla and on 06.12.2019 he came to the Sub Registrar Office, Pidugralla, along with the parties Smt. Avula Saidamma and Sri Avula Venkateswara Rao of Nagavaram village, for registration of the gift deed vide Doc.No.P813/2019of SRO, Piduguralla. He added that on 06.12.2019.He was found in possession of Rs. 850/- and as he could not account for the same, it was seized from him by the ACB officials when he was inside the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and etc. facts.

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2) Sri Md. Abdul Khadar S/o Sri Ahammad, 29 Years, Document Writer, R/o D. No. 18-543, Patiguntala, Piduguralla Town, Guntur District.

On examination he stated that he is working as the Document Writer at Piduguralla and on 06.12.2019 he came into the Sub Registrar Office, Pidugralla, along with the parties Smt. Chimata Lakshmi of Brugubanda village, Sattenapalli Mandal and Smt. Anchula Hanumayamma of Anchulavaripalem village, Rajupalem Mandal for registration of the Settlement deed vide Doc.No.9280/2019 of SRO, Piduguralla. He also brought the parties Smt. Rajanala Sri Lakshi and Smt. Anchula Hanumayamma of Anchulavaripalem village in another Settlement deed vide Doc.No.9281/2019 of SRO, Piduguralla, into the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla. He added that on 06.12.2019 when the ACB officials surprised the Sub-Registrar Office, he and the parties were inside the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and etc. facts.

3) Sri Devarasetty Atchutha Prasanna Rao S/o Sri Satyanarayana, 50 Years, Document Writer, R/o Tanda Bazaar, Pitchukalagunta, Piduguralla, Guntur District.

On examination he stated that he is working as the Document Writer at Piduguralla and on 06.12.2019 he came to the Sub Registrar Office, Pidugralla, along with the parties viz. Bandi Durga Bhavani of Piduguralla, for registration of the Mortgage deed vide Doc.No.9286/2019 of SRO, Piduguralla. He added that on 06.12.2019 an amount of Rs. 9,350/- was seized from him by the ACB officials when he was inside of Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and etc. facts.

4) Sri Syed Kareem S/o Sri Mastan Vali, Aged 28 Years, Document Writer, R/o D. No. 18-505, Patiguntala, Piduguralla Town, Guntur District (Assistant to Document Writer Mutyam Nagi Reddy)

On examination he stated that he is working as assistant to the Document Writer Sri Mutyam Nagi Reddy of Piduguralla and on 06.12.2019 he came to the Sub Registrar Office, Pidugralla, along with the parties in Document Nos. 9627/2019, 9628/2019, 9266/2019 and 9264/2019 of SRO, Piduguralla, for registration of Sale and Mortgage deeds. He added that on 06.12.2019 an amount of Rs. 18,400/- was seized from him by the ACB officials when he was inside of Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and etc. facts.

5) Sri Anubothula Narsi Reddy S/o Sri Tirurpathi Reddy, 42 Years, Document Writer, Karalapadu Village, Piduguralla Mandal, Guntur District (Assistant to Document Writer Chejarla Edukondalu)

On examination he stated that he is working as assistant to the Document Writer Sri Chejarla Edukondalu of Piduguralla and on 06.12.2019 he came into the Sub Registrar Office, Pidugralla, along with the parties viz. Sri Kakarla Rama Krishna and Sri Mudela Subba Rao of Karalapadu for registration of the sale deed vide Document Nos. 9287/2019 of SRO, Piduguralla. He added that on 06.12.2019 an amount of Rs. 15,550/- was seized from him by the ACB officials when he was inside of Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and etc. facts.

6) Sri Polamreddy Brahma Reddy S/o Sri Venkateswara Reddy, 34 Years, Document Writer, Kunkalagunta Village, Nakarekallu Mandal, Guntur District (Assistant to Document Writer Madhava Sarma)

On examination he stated that he is working as assistant to the Document Writer Sri Madhava Sarma of Piduguralla and on 06.12.2019 he came into the Sub Registrar Office, Pidugralla, along with the parties viz. Sri Reniguntla Ramesh and Sri Pachipulusu Papaiah Gupta of Piduguralla to present the sale deed between the parties for registration. He added that on 06.12.2019 an amount of Rs. 3,650/- was seized from him by the ACB officials when he was inside of Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and etc. facts.

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7) Sri Chinta Raghava Reddy S/o Sri Syda Reddy, 20 Years, Asst. to Document Writer (Ravindra Reddy), R/o Tummalacheruvu Village, Piduguralla Mandal, Guntur District

On examination he stated that he is working as assistant to the Document Writer Sri Mudela Ravindra Reddy of Piduguralla and on 06.12.2019 he came to the Sub Registrar Office, Pidugralla, along with the parties viz. Sri Panem Pitchi Reddy, Smt. Panem Audi Lakshmi of Kondamodu (V) in gift deed not registered ; Sri G.Venkata Reddy and G.Lakshmi of Kondamodu (V) in another gift deed not registered to present the gift deeds between the parties for registration. He added that on 06.12.2019 when the ACB officials surprised the Sub-Registrar Office, he and the parties were inside of Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and etc. facts.

8) Sri Komma Rama Mohana Rao S/o Sri Sriramulu, Aged 58 Years, Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Narasaraopet, Guntur District.

On examination, he stated that with regard to the irregularities noticed against the Sub Registrar and other staff of Sub Registrar office, Piduguralla with regard to the allowing of document writers for the purpose of registration related works alongwith parties into the office is violation of the orders of the Department/Government. The possession of access amount than the declared amount by the staff of Sub Registrar, Piduguralla in Personal Cash Declaration Register is also a violation. Engaging private persons as data entry operators and to meddle with the Government computers and data is also a violation as per the standing orders of the Inspector General, Registration and stamps Department and etc., facts

9) Sri Md. Mahaboob Khan S/o Sri Masthan Khan, Aged 52 Years, Sub Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Guntur R/o D. No. 93-28-864, Ward No. 26, "0"Lane, A.T. Agraharam, Guntur, (Mediator No.1).

10) Kum. Madaka Vijaya Lakshmi D/o M. China Ranga Rao, Aged 34 Years, Senior Assistant, District Treasury Office, Guntur R/o D. No. 8-12-14/2, 9th Lane, Nehru Nagar, Guntur, (Mediator No.2).

Witness Nos. 9 and 10 are the mediators to the surprise check conducted on 06.12.2019 on the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District and drafted the mediators report dt. 06.12.2019.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE :

1) Mediators Report Dated 06-12-2019 from 16.45 Hours To 23.30 Hours drafted by the mediators at office of the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District.

It contains the proceedings dt. 06.12.2019 conducted during the surprise check on Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, irregularities noticed against the officials, Amounts and documents seized and etc. facts.

2) Govt. Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1, dt. 29.9.08

The Govt. through this memo has instructed all the Registration Department officials that "Engaging private persons and collection of mamools and allowing Document Writers to enter in to the Sub-Registrar offices, engaging private persons to assist in office work, and delay in handing over of registered documents to the parties as the violation and suitable Disciplinary action will be initiated against the erring officials."

3) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 dated 30.12.1997 of commissioner & IG of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad.

In all cases of Surprise check where unaccounted cash is found with the employee, in the premises of the office and with the unauthorized persons in the office the normal presumption shall be that it is the illegal amount obtained as bribe

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from the parties and the onus of disproving the same will be charged officer employees in the premises of the office and with the unauthorized person in the office.

In view of the above oral and documentary evidence, the charge against the Govt. Servant Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Subordinate, O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District has share in the bribe amounts collected by the document writers who were found in the Sub Registrar Office on 06-12-2019 from the parties who come for registration of their properties to the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla and who were found in possession of Rs. 47,800/- when the surprise check was conducted on Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla on 06.12.2019 for which they could not satisfactorily account for, is substantiated

Thus, Govt. Servant Challa Venkata Koteswara Rao, Office Subordinate, O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District by his above-mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service, thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of A.P.C.S (conduct) Rules 1964

The Govt. Servant has rendered himself liable for disciplinary action for major penalty.

Hence the charges.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHALLA VENKATA KOTESWARA RAO, OFFICE SUBORDINATE, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Charge-1:

1) Surprise check proceedings dated 06.12.2019.

2) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 dated 30.12.1997 of commissioner & IG of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad

3) Copy of GO. Ms. No. 200 GA (Ser-C) Department, Dated 26-3-2007 of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

4) Attested Copy of Vol. No. 87, Personal Cash Register:

5) Govt. Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1,dt.29.9.08.

If any document found necessary they will be produced at the time enquiry.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHALLA VENKATA KOTESWARA RAO, OFFICE SUBORDINATE, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Sri Gurram Ravi Raju S/o Musalaiah Aged 38 Years, Document Writer R/o D.No. 7-656-B, Behind MRO Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District.
2) Sri Md. Abdul Khadar S/o Sri Ahammad, 29 Years, Document Writer, R/o D. No. 18-543, Patiguntala, Piduguralla Town, Guntur District.
3) Sri Devarasetty Atchutha Prasanna Rao S/o Sri Satyanarayana, 50 Years, Document Writer, R/o Tanda Bazaar, Pitchukalagunta, Piduguralla, Guntur District.
4) Sri Syed Kareem S/o Sri Mastan Vali, Aged 28 Years, Document Writer, R/o D. No. 18-505, Patiguntala, Piduguralla Town, Guntur District (Assistant to Document Writer Mutyam Nagi Reddy)
5) Sri Anubothula Narsi Reddy S/o Sri Tirurpathi Reddy, 42 Years, Document Writer, Karalapadu Village, Piduguralla Mandal, Guntur District (Assistant to Document Writer Chejarla Edukondalu)
6) Sri Polamreddy Brahma Reddy S/o Sri Venkateswara Reddy, 34 Years, Document Writer, Kunkalagunta Village, Nakarekallu Mandal, Guntur District (Assistant to Document Writer Madhava Sarma)
7) Sri Chinta Raghavareddy S/o Sri Syda Reddy, 20 Years, Asst. to Document Writer (Ravindra Reddy), R/o Tummala cheruvu Village, Piduguralla Mandal, Guntur District.
8) Sri Komma Rama Mohana Rao S/o Sri Sriramulu, Aged 58 Years, Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Narasaraopet, Guntur District.
9) Sri Md. Mahaboob Khan S/o Sri Masthan Khan, Aged 52 Years, Sub Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Guntur. (Mediator-1)
10) Kum. Madaka Vijaya Lakshmi D/o M. China Ranga Rao, Aged 34 Years, Senior Assistant, District Treasury Office, Guntur Mediator-2
11) Sri Ch.Ravi Babu, Dist.Inspector, ACB, Guntur Range.

If any witness found necessary they will be produced at the time enquiry.

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